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1. SEVERAL HOURS AFTER WORKING SESSION DESCRIBED REFTTEL, SWISS WERE ABLE TO CONVEY FAR MORE FAVORABLE AND FORTHCOMING POSITION. ON REPORTING TO HIGHEST LEVEL SWISS FOREIGN MINISTRY (THALMANN), SWISS DELEGATION HAD BEEN TOLD IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT GOS GIVES HIGHEST PRIORITY TO PROPOSED MOVE OF SALT TO GENEVA.

2. APPROVAL OF GENEVA CANTONAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED, WITH GENEVA AUTHORITIES EXPRESSING GREATEST ENTHUSIASM AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP FIND SUITABLE FACILITIES. FEDERAL COUNCIL AGREEMENT, EXPECTED ABOUT MID-DAY AUGUST 9, REGARDED AS FOREGONE CONCLUSION. SWISS ALREADY HAVE LINES ON SEVERAL POSSIBLE BUILDINGS GENEVA AND MAY CONTACT MENTER IN GENEVA TODAY FOR HIS INSPECTION OF THESE SITES.

3. HENCE, DELAYS IN TIME SCHEDULE WHICH APPEARED PROBABLE YESTERDAY ARE NOT REPEAT NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR. HOWEVER, SOVIETS HERE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVEY SOVIET CONFIRMATION TO SWISS. AS REGARDS PRESS STATEMENT, SWISS WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE

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